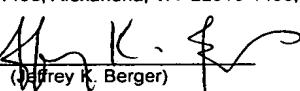


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### AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2005, finally rejecting claims 56-59, 61-66, 68-71 and 78-83, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. Because the date for response is extended to February 6, 2006, this response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.